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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Provides information on the following non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO: World Vision International (WVI).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on one non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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Annex

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

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WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL (WVI)

Historical background

World Vision was founded in Portland, Oregon, United States of America, in September 1950. World Vision International was established in 1978 as an umbrella governing body and global partnership with independent support offices in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States of America. Support offices were later established in a number of other countries, including Austria.

WVI is an international network of humanitarian agencies working for the well-being of all people, especially children, in emergency humanitarian assistance, rehabilitation and long-term sustainable development projects. Through emergency relief, education, health care, economic development and promotion of justice, WVI helps disadvantaged communities to help themselves. In 2001, WVI raised $964 million in cash and goods from private and public donors for programmes in 92 countries spanning five continents. Through these programmes, approximately 14,000 WVI staff members—97 per cent based in their own countries—assisted some 75 million people.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- President
- Directors
- Each member organization is autonomous while working within the WVI network. All members have an equal vote within the inter-national council of WVI.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

WVI's activities comprise emergency relief, education, health care, economic development and promotion of justice, among which economic development relates in particular to the work of UNIDO. In WVI, economic development consists of two major categories:

- Micro-enterprise development (MED), which is market oriented and financially self-sustaining, comprising micro-finance (loans, savings and insurance) and business development services (training, marketing and consulting);
- Economic assistance activities, which are subsidised economic programmes, including pre-MED business motivation, job skills training and any other economic programme.

In this context, MED is understood not merely as a remedy, but rather a means of long-term economic and social advancement.

Relations with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations

Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Close cooperation with the World Food Programme, World Health Organization, United Nations Conference for Trade and Development, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, World Trade Organization, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, International Labour Organization, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. There is a World Vision United Nations Liaison Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Relations with NGOs/membership

Member of Liaison Committee of European Union Non-governmental Development Organizations, Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation and Emergency (VOICE), International Council of Voluntary Agencies, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NGO Group of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with ECOSOC (CONGO), NGO Forum for Health, Federation of International Institutions in Geneva, NGO Coalition Against Land-Mines, Interfaith Group on Building Community around Children, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development, International Baby Food Action Network, Inter-Agency Advisory Group on Refugee Health.

Board member of NGO Committee of UNICEF (currently chairing), Member of the Steering Committee of the International Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers.

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